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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ENRG, CA
SUBJ: ALBERTA GAS EXPORTS

1. ALBERTA PREMIER LOUGHEED TOLD CANADIAN PETROLEUM ASSOC-
IATION (CPA) ANNUAL MEETING IN CALGARY APRIL 20 THAT, IF
HOME CAN T BE FOUND FOR ALBERTA GAS IN EASTERN CANADA,
THERE SHOULD BE ADDITIONAL SHORT TERM GAS EXPORTS TO THE
U.S. LOUGHEED SAID THAT QUICK SALES OF ALBERTA GAS SHOULD
NOT HINGE ON SWAP ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALASKAN GAS. SWAP,
LOUGHEED INDICATED, WAS UNNECESSARY COMPLICATION, AND HE
SUPPORTED IDEA OF DIRECT CASH AND CARRY GAS SALE. ACCORD-
ING TO LOUGHEED, THE NEB S ESTIMATES OF CANADIAN DEMAND
FOR NATURAL GAS WERE FAR TOO HIGH AND NEEDED QUICK REVIEW.
LOUGHEED URGED PETROLEUM INDUSTRY TO MAKE THIS POINT WITH
GOC. ALBERTA PREMIER CLAIMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT S DEMANDS
FOR AGRICULTURAL AND PETROCHEMICAL TARIFF REDUCTIONS WERE
NOT HOLDING UP POSSIBLE INCREASE IN GAS EXPORTS TO U.S.
ALBERTA, IN LOUGHEED S VIEW, WAS LOOKING FOR TRADE EQUITY
OR THE REMOVAL OF WHAT IT CONSIDERED TO BE INEQUITABLE
TARIFFS AND NOT CONCESSIONS.

2. COMMENT: CONCENSUS OF INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES CONTACTED
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BY CONGEN OBTAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT LOUGHEED HAD TAKEN
POSITIVE STANCE ON ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL GAS EXPORTS. THERE
WAS, HOWEVER, CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT ALBERTA PREMIER MEANT
WHEN HE REFERRED TO "TRADE EQUITY". LOUGHEED S SEEMINGLY
MORE FORTHCOMING APPROACH ON TRADE ISSUES MAY HAVE BEEN
PROMPTED BY REMARKS OF INCOMING CPA BOARD CHAIRMAN J.E.
BAUGH, WHO CRITICIZED ALBERTA GOVERNMENT FOR ITS LINKAGE

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OF ADDITIONAL GAS EXPORTS TO U.S. TARIFF REDUCTIONS.
COPIES OF LOUGHEED ADDRESS WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO EUR/CAN,
EB/ORF/FSE, AND EMBASSY OTTAWA. RATTRAY

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